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**ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE**

**METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR ALTERNATIVE REGISTRY LOOKUP OF  
WEB SERVICES**

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An alternative registry lookup Java naming and directory interface (JNDI) provider is used to lookup a service endpoint in a registry of a Web service. The alternative registry lookup JNDI provider examines the new registry file for a service-ref-name element and determines if the element is present. If the element is present, the registry lookup JNDI provider retrieves location of the service endpoint using information in the new registry file. If the element is absent, lookup of the service endpoint is deferred to a standard JNDI provider, which determines the location of a service endpoint based on a Web Services Description Language (WSDL) file.

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